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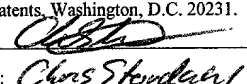
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## CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

## BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

The present application is a continuation of application No. 09/795,266, filed on February 27, 2001, which is a continuation of application No. 09/324,305, filed on June 2, 1999, now Patent No. 6,241,704, which is a continuation of application No. 08/782,486, filed on January 10, 1997, now Patent No. 5,935,099, which is a continuation-in-part of:

- (1) application No. 08/555,304, filed on November 8, 1995, now Patent No. 5,658,250, which is a continuation of application No. 08/090,738, filed on July 13, 1993, now abandoned;
- (2) application No. 08/206,737, filed on March 19, 1994, now Patent No. 5,669,877;
- (3) application No. 08/586,952, filed on January 16, 1996, now abandoned, which is a continuation of application No. 08/276,025, filed on July 15, 1994, now Patent No. 5,485,408, which is a continuation of application No. 07/942,288, filed on September 19, 1992, now Patent No. 5,338,157;
- (4) application No. 08/540,960, filed on October 11, 1995, now abandoned;
- (5) application No. 08/561,809, filed on November 22, 1995, now Patent No. 5,788,669.

Priority is also claimed to Provisional application No. 60/010,090, filed on January 12, 1996. The above applications are incorporated by reference.

Title: DRUG PUMP SYSTEMS AND METHODS by the following inventor(s):

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1. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the prior application; including the specification, claims, drawings, oath or declaration showing the applicant's signature, and any amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application. (It is noted that no amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.) The continuing application is as follows: 89 pages of specification, 43 claims, 1 pages of abstract, 31 sheets of drawings, and 5 pages of oath or declaration.
- ☒ The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
2. ☒ Cancel original claims 2-43 of this application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claims must be retained for filing purposes.)
3. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

**CLAIMS AS FILED**

NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA		RATE	FEE
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS:</b>				
1 -20	0	x	\$18.00	0
<b>INDEPENDENT CLAIMS</b>				
-3	0	x	\$80.00	0
			<b>BASIC FILING FEE:</b>	<b>\$740.00</b>
			<b>TOTAL FILING FEE:</b>	<b>\$740.00</b>

- ☐ Small entity status is claimed pursuant to 37 CFR 127.
4. ☒ Payment of fees:
  - ☐ Attached is a check in the amount of .
  - ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725.
  - ☒ The filing fee is being deferred.
5. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 to 1.18 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-2725.
6. ☒ Amend the specification by amending the first paragraph to read:

The present application is a continuation of application No. 09/795,266, filed on February 27, 2001, which is a continuation of application No. 09/324,305, filed on June 2, 1999, now Patent No. 6,241,704, which is a continuation of application No. 08/782,486, filed on January 10, 1997, now Patent No. 5,935,099, which is a continuation-in-part of:

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7. ☐ A set of formal drawings is enclosed.
8. ☐ Priority of application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
- ☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.
9. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to SIMS Deltec, Inc. located at 1265 Grey Fox Road, St. Paul, Minnesota 55112.
10. ☒ The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to:

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11. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)
- ☐ Fee for excess claims is attached.
- ☐ A petition and fee has been filed to extend the term in the prior application until \_\_\_\_\_. A copy of the petition for extension of time in the prior application is attached.
- ☐ The inventor(s) in this application are less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventors identified above for the prior application be deleted:
- ☐ A Nonpublication Request under 37 CFR 1.213(a) is enclosed.
- ☐ Also Enclosed:
- ☒ Address all future communications to the Attention of Steven C. Bruess (may only be completed by attorney or agent of record) at the address below.
17. ☒ A return postcard is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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